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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98(d), Applicants would like to bring to the attention of the Examiner the references cited in the following patent applications:

U.S. Serial No. 09/007,939 filed January 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,322,498;

PCT International Application No. PCT/US97/17954 filed October 6, 1997; and

U.S. Serial No. 08/725,779 filed October 4, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,115,523.

The subject application, Serial No. 10/001,560, claims the benefit under 35 USC §120 of the filing date of U. S. Serial No. 08/725,779 referred to above. Applicants respectfully request that copies of references supplied in the Information Disclosure Statement of that application as well as the other above-noted ancestral application be made of record in the 10/001,560 application. As copies of the references filed in the grandparent application and related ancestral application and cited on the attached form PTO-1449 will be found in the case files, copies of those references are not provided, herewith.

It is respectfully requested that these references be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements.

Respectfully submitted

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